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SUBJECT: TRADE CENTER OCTOBER SHOW

MR. H. ASAKAWA, ASSISTANT TO MANAGER, FREON SALES DEPARTMENT, MITSUI FLUORO-CHEMICALS CO. LTD., TOKYO, HAS CONTACTED TC RE TELEGRAM SENT FROM JOHN J. DALY JR. OF DUPONT TO MR. F. TAKADA OF MITSUI (FYI, DUPONT AND MITSUI ARE JOINT VENTURE PARTNERS). TELEGRAM INFORMS TAKADA THAT COMMERCE DEPARTMENT MARKET RESEARCH SUMMARY SUBJECT SHOW STATES PAGE TWO QUOTE FREEZING SYSTEMS WHICH ACTUALLY EXPOSE FOOD SURFACES TO FREON ARE NOW RESTRICTED AND MAY BE CLASSIFIED AS ILLEGAL NEXT YEAR UNQUOTE. DALY WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS POSSIBILITY AND ASKS COMMENT. EMBASSY CONTACTED MR. KITADAI, ASSISTANT TO MR. MIYAZAWA, CHIEF, FOOD CHEMICALS SECTION, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE. KITADAI STATE ANYTHING COMING INTO CONTACT WITH FOOD IS CONSIDERED AN ADDITIVE AND FREON IS NOT LISTED IN THE FOOD SANITATION AND ADDITIVES LAW AS AN APPROVED ADDITIVE. THEREFORE ANY FREEZING SYSTEM WHICH PUTS FOOD INTO CONTACT WITH FREON IS ALREADY ILLEGAL. A COPY OF THE FOOD SANITATION LAW OF JAPAN REVISED THIRD EDITION WAS SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT AS AN ENCLOSURE TO A-958 OF 12/3/73. OIM REQUESTED CONTACT DALY AND DISCUSS ABOVE. FYI, ASAKAWA WILL BE PROVIDED ABOVE INFORMATION AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO CALL BE SAME TO DALY. SHOESMITH

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